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(*b*) The return anticipated at the time of the completion of the original construction estimates was 9·3 per cent in the case of the Godavari Delta system and 6·77 per cent in the case of the Kistna Delta system. The return for 1933–34 on the total capital outlay was 15·8 per cent and 13·6 per cent, respectively.

Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari :—" May I know, Sir, whether the Government have included in the capital expenditure the inclusion fees collected from year to year from the ryots of these two deltas? "

The Hon. Mr. C. A. Souter :—" Inclusion fees are not items of capital expenditure."

Mr. V. T. Arasu :—" Arising from the answer to clause (*b*) which states that the return for 1933–34 on the total capital outlay was 15·8 per cent and 13·6 per cent, may I know, Sir, whether in calculating this percentage of return, allowance has been made for the maintenance charges and the salary paid to the staff connected with the delta system? "

The Hon. Mr. C. A. Souter :—" Yes, Sir, this is the net return."

Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar :—" May I ask, Sir, in view of the return being more than what was anticipated, whether the Government have examined any proposal of giving any relief to the ryots of the delta by reducing the water-rates? "

The Hon. Mr. C. A. Souter :—" No, Sir, the rates in the delta are not very high."

Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari :—" Very recently a flat water-rate of Rs. 6–4–0 has been levied in the delta. What are the reasons for Government increasing the rate when they got a return in excess of their anticipation? "

The Hon. Mr. C. A. Souter :—" I presume the hon. Member means that Rs. 6–4–0 is an excessive rate. It is not."

Breach in the Tippayipalem anicut, Cumbum, Kurnool district.

*514 *Q.*—S. M. K. Beyabani Sahib Bahadur : Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that there was a breach in the newly constructed Tippayipalem anicut in Cumbum (Kurnool);

(*b*) whether the Chief Engineer inspected the anicut after completion and was satisfied with the work;

(*c*) whether the amount of the contract has been paid to the contractor in full ; and

(*d*) what is the estimated cost of repairing the breach and what time it will take to complete the same?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The Chief Engineer for Irrigation did not inspect the reservoir after the work was completed and before the

bund breached. He inspected it afterwards in September 1935. He has reported that the breaches were not due to any mistake in the design or to defective workmanship during execution.

(*c*) The Government have no information.

(*d*) The restoration of the bund will cost Rs. 60,000 to Rs. 70,000 and it may not take more than 12 months to complete the work.

Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar:—"May I know, Sir, whether the Chief Engineer has reported as to what exactly was the cause of this anicut giving way?"

The Hon. Mr. C. A. Souter:—"I shall explain very briefly. The earth work on that bund had only been recently put down and there had been some rain and it had not time to consolidate properly. Suddenly there was very heavy rain and within a very few hours the tank rose to the extent of 10 feet and water began to percolate through the new earth work; and due to the enormous pressure exercised by the sudden rise in the water by 10 feet and in consequence of this percolation of water, a hole was made which gradually extended and the entire bund collapsed."

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar:—"May I know what is the full tank level?"

The Hon. Mr. C. A. Souter:—"Notice, Sir."

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar:—"May I know if with a rise of only 10 feet of water such damage could have taken place?"

The Hon. Mr. C. A. Souter:—"I think I have explained, Sir."

Land Revenue Administration

Appointment and transfer of clerks in the Revenue Department.

* 515 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the clerks entertained in the Revenue department may be transferred to other departments;

(*b*) if so, for what reasons and on what principles such transfers are made;

(*c*) whether a copy of the Government Order passed permitting such transfers will be placed on the table;

(*d*) how many such transfers have been made from the Revenue department in Salem district in each year for the past three years;

(*e*) who the persons concerned are; to which department each has been transferred; what the qualifications and service put up by and the community of each are and whether they are the juniormost hands then in service of the Revenue department;